

ANNUAL REPORT—COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL
LAND OFFICE.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

*Transmitting the annual report of the Commissioner of the General
Land Office.*

DECEMBER 6, 1836.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 6, 1836.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the operations of that office for the past year.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. JAMES K. POLK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
December 1, 1836.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to present statements exhibiting the operations of the several land offices for the year 1835, and the first, second, and third quarters of the year 1836, indicating the quantity of land sold; the amount of cash and scrip received in payment therefor; the amount of the incidental expenses; and the amount of moneys paid into the Treasury by the Receivers of public money, during the said period.—See tables marked A and B.

Transmitted herewith, are also copies of the estimates of appropriation required by this branch of the public service during the ensuing year, viz:

For the General Land Office, see paper marked C.

The act of 4th July, 1836, entitled "An act to reorganize the General

Land Office," having omitted to make provision for the payment of the salaries of the officers and clerks whom it authorized to be employed, the paper marked C also indicates the amount required to be appropriated to meet payment for those salaries to 31st December, 1836.

For the offices of the Surveyors General, see paper marked D.

For surveying the public lands, see paper marked E.

Document marked F, is composed of a circular letter, addressed to the Surveyors General, on the 1st September, 1836, together with their replies thereto, in relation to their estimates for the ensuing year, and the progress and present condition of the public surveys.—F No. 2, is a compilation of those estimates.

In the surveying district composed of the States of *Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan*, the amount of lands surveyed, and of lands yet to be offered for sale, remain the same as represented in the last annual report of the late Commissioner. The new surveys in these districts, to be effected under instructions recently issued, embrace all the former small Indian reservations ceded under treaties made this year with the Potawatamie, Chippewa, and Wyandot Indians, and all that portion of Michigan not heretofore surveyed, which borders upon Lake Michigan, south of Thunder bay river, and north of Grand river, estimated at about 275 townships.

In *Wisconsin Territory*, formerly designated Michigan, west of Lake Michigan.—In addition to the returns of the 65 townships in the Green Bay district, alluded to in the report of last year, and which have since been received, the office has been advised of the completion of the balance of the surveys in this district, amounting to 119 townships and fractional townships, making in the aggregate about 184 townships and fractional townships surveyed, and yet to be offered for sale; being all the lands in the Wisconsin Territory, east of the Mississippi river, to which the Indian title has been extinguished. The necessary instructions have been issued for the survey of the Sac and Fox cession west of the Mississippi river, and binding on the river, which was ceded by treaty of the 21st of September, 1832, and estimated to contain 250 townships, and also for laying off the towns named in the act of the last session of Congress, approved on the 2d day of July, which are situated on this tract.

In *Missouri and Illinois*.—Since the report of the late Surveyor General (30th January, 1836,) was submitted to Congress, (now forming document No. 215, H. R. 1st session 24th Congress,) no returns of surveys have been made to this office, with the exception of the two townships on Rock river, Illinois, which were surveyed for the Polish exiles. The communication from the present Surveyor General, dated 3d November, 1836, and the accompanying papers marked A, B, and C, afford all the information received respecting the present situation of the field and office work of the surveying district composed of those two States. The present Surveyor General, having only recently entered upon the duties of his office, cannot be expected yet to have had the time and opportunity of entering fully into the state of the arrears. He remarks in his communication above referred to, "that the only work now going on in the field is as follows:

"By Joseph Montgomery, who is completing the surveys under his contract of 1834.

"By D. A. Spaulding, who is finishing his contract of the 9th June, 1835.

"And by Jesse Applegate, under his contract of the 25th day of May, of the present year."

It being doubtful, from the foregoing report, whether the field work of the three contracts it enumerates constitutes all the field work to be completed of the outstanding contracts, or simply the amount of field work at present prosecuting, the Surveyor General has been again written to for more precise information.

On referring to pages 10 and 11 of the Surveyor General's report of January 30th, 1836, it appears that the returns of 36 townships in Missouri, and of 134 townships in Illinois, from the field notes of which the plats had been constructed, were at that date in his office. This is all the certain information now in possession of this office, in relation to the returns of the field work of the contracts exhibited in the lists.

In *Arkansas* nearly all the lands that have been surveyed and returned to this office have been offered for sale. The outstanding contracts for surveying at the commencement of the present year embraced the exteriors of 69 townships, and the subdivision of 60 townships, as will appear by the last annual report of the Surveyor General then in office, which accompanied the report of the Commissioner of December 5, 1835, (see document H. R. 1st session 24th Congress,) to which, in the absence of the expected report of the present incumbent, I beg leave to refer. The surveys recommended in the Surveyor General's report, just referred to, constitute the new surveys which have been ordered this year, and amount in all to 110 townships and fractional townships, selected in different parts of the State, with a view to the public accommodation; of these, 60 townships are to be subdivided for market.

In *Louisiana*.—There are in this State, prepared for market, but not yet offered for sale, 250 townships and fractional townships, situated chiefly in the southeastern district, and in the north end of the Opelousas (southwestern) district, near the great raft of Red river, and 110 townships known to be surveyed, the returns of which have not yet been received. In addition to the survey of private claims, &c. already in progress, the Surveyor General has been instructed respecting the survey of the tract recently ceded by the Caddo Indians, on the great raft of Red river, which it is said may be estimated at one million of acres.

In *Mississippi*.—With the exception of about 40 townships, situated chiefly in the Chocchuma district, and upon the south boundary of the Chickasaw cession, all the lands in this State, north of 31° of latitude, have been surveyed, and, excepting 8 townships, recently returned, have been brought into market. The expected report of the newly appointed Surveyor General for this State, on the condition of the surveys in his district and the details of his office, has not been received; but as soon after its arrival as practicable, the instructions alluded to in the Commissioner's report of last year, relative to the examination of the errors in locating and surveying the confirmed private claims south of 31° of latitude, will be renewed.

The expectations expressed in the Commissioner's report of last year, in regard to the progress of the surveys in the Chickasaw cession of 1832, have been fulfilled. The plats of 307 townships and fractional townships (including the portion of the cession in Alabama) have been returned to this office; and 249 of them having been proclaimed for sale, 58 townships and fractional townships remain to be offered; the survey of the remainder of the cession, estimated to be about equal to 30, is nearly completed, and will

be finished, it is expected, in a short time after the running of the line separating this cession from the Choctaw cession of 1830, now in progress, is completed. These townships are situated near that line, and in the southwestern part of the cession, near the Mississippi.

In Alabama.—With the exception of the Cherokee lands recently ceded, and a few islands in the Tennessee river, and fractions of townships, situated chiefly upon the unsettled eastern boundary of the State, and those south of 31° of latitude, all the lands have been surveyed and offered for sale. The eastern boundary line of the State not having been yet determined, so far as this office is informed, the instructions have been withheld for closing the public surveys upon that line, for which a special appropriation of \$1,000 was made at the last session of Congress; which, therefore, has not been expended. As these surveys must remain unfinished, to the serious injury of a large number of settlers on the lands, and in their immediate vicinity, until the line in question is recognised by the proper authorities, it is hoped that early steps may be taken for its final adjustment, either by recognising the line said to have been already run and marked under the authority of the State of Georgia, or by causing a new line to be run.

In Florida.—In consequence of continued Indian hostilities, the surveying operations in this district have been suspended, and will have to remain so until the removal of the Seminole Indians shall be effected. There are, at present, 211 townships and fractional townships prepared for market, but not offered for sale, all of which are situated east of the Suwanee, and north of the Withlacoochee river. The surveys in the western portion of the Territory have, for the most part, been completed, and the lands brought into market.

Interspersed throughout the different surveying districts, there are a number of *small tracts, portions of townships, islands, and swamps, susceptible of being reclaimed, &c.*, which, from various causes, were not surveyed at the time of the survey of the contiguous lands. The present enhanced value of most of those tracts appears to render them matter of public interest, which is increasing every year; and it is regretted that the frequent attempts to effect the survey of them have hitherto failed, by reason of the inadequacy of the present maximum of compensation.

The frequent inquiries and great interest manifested in relation to lands of this description induced this office, in the circular letter of 1st September last, to call the attention of the Surveyors General to the subject, and to require them to estimate specifically for the cost of all such work. In pursuance of such instruction, it will be perceived from the accompanying documents, that the Surveyor General of *Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan*, and the Surveyor General of *Florida*, have both estimated for surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c., at an average of *five dollars* per mile; and the Surveyors General of *Alabama and Louisiana* have both estimated for similar description of work at a price not exceeding *eight dollars* per mile; and it will be perceived that those specific estimates are taken into view, in the estimate of surveying expenses for the next year, submitted by this office.

The paper G, herewith transmitted, is a statement showing the amount of forfeited land stock issued and surrendered at the United States land offices to the 30th September, 1836; also, the amount of military land scrip surrendered to the same period.

The paper H is an exhibit of the periods to which the monthly accounts of the Registers and Receivers of the public land offices have been rendered, and showing the balance of cash in the Receivers' hands at the date of the last monthly accounts current, and the periods to which the Receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.

LAND SCRIP AND VIRGINIA MILITARY SURVEYS.

Since the last annual report from this office, the second section of the act entitled "An act making appropriation for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the year 1835," has been complied with, by the issuing of scrip, in satisfaction of all the Virginia military warrants surrendered to the 1st day of September of that year, with the exception of about thirty-eight thousand acres on warrants suspended by reason of defects in the title papers, but which, it is expected, will be speedily completed. Considerable progress has also been made during the same period, in the issuing of patents on surveys founded on Virginia military warrants, and the office indulges the hope that all the remaining cases will be disposed of prior to the date of the next annual report.

THE ISSUING OF PATENTS FOR LANDS SOLD.—PRE-EMPTION CLAIMS.

The pre-emption claims under the act of June 19, 1834, and those under the different acts of 1814, 1816, 1830, 1832, and 1833, have had a tendency to delay the issuing of the patents for lands sold, in nearly all the United States land offices. The late law granted to the settlers the term of *two years* from the date of its passage, at any time during which they might establish their claim, and make payment therefor. But, in case the lands were proclaimed for public sale during the continuance of the pre-emption term, the pre-emption was required to be established before the commencement of such public sale.

The ordinary private entries being permitted to proceed during the whole term of operation of the pre-emption law, it has resulted that numerous instances exist where the land to which pre-emption claims have been satisfactorily established are discovered to have been previously entered at ordinary private sale. The consequence has been, that no patents for lands sold in any of the land districts during the pre-emption term, (from 19th June, 1834, to 19th June, 1836,) could with safety be issued until after the receipt of the June returns for 1836, affording evidence of the entire amount of pre-emption claims admitted under the law. In addition to this cause of delay in the issuing of patents, it has been made the duty of this office to review the whole of the evidences on which pre-emption claims were admitted, in order to ascertain that the provisions of the law had been fairly complied with in each case—a labor which has occupied a large share of attention, and which has so far progressed as to admit of the release of the certificates of purchase, for the purpose of patenting, in the Helena and Fayetteville districts, in Arkansas; in all the districts of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Missouri; the districts of Cahaba and Demopolis, in Alabama; the Green Bay district in Wisconsin; and the Mount Salus (now Jackson) district in Mississippi; so that, with some few exceptions, the patents for lands sold in the enumerated districts will be no longer delayed by pre-emption claims.

The number of certificates of purchase issued at the land offices, during the year ending on the 30th of September last, is found to be 184,949.

The present aggregate number of certificates of purchase remaining in this office, on which patents are to be issued, is ascertained to be 263,017. Of these it may be remarked, that a large portion includes several tracts, instances being numerous where they require the issuing of from ten to twenty separate patents.

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Since the commencement of operations in the office of the Recorder of the General Land Office, in August last, with a much smaller force than is intended to be permanently allotted to the duties of that bureau, (of writing, recording, and transmitting patents,) there have been written therein 21,724 patents, and 21,661 have been recorded. In addition to which, there have been otherwise prepared, since the act of re-organization, 4,680 patents, all of which will bear date subsequent to that act.

Much interruption of the regular course of business in that bureau resulted from the unavoidable necessity, connected with general official convenience, of frequently detaching from it, at different periods, many of the persons there employed, for the purpose of assigning them to duty on other branches of the office. From this cause, it may be said the bureau has but recently been operating with an unchanged regular force, and that, if no necessity for the interruption alluded to had existed, a heavier amount of work would have been accomplished during the same period.

Since the date of the last annual report, the number of patents actually transmitted, together with those now in immediate course of transmission to the district land offices, is 80,940, bearing date prior to the act of re-organization.

The absence of the solicitor, provided for this office by the act of re-organization, has, no doubt, prevented as rapid a progress in deciding cases of conflicting pre-emption claims as might have resulted under the complete organization of the pre-emption bureau. I am happy, however, in being enabled to state, that, since the adjournment of Congress, a very considerable number of cases of contested pre-emption claims have been settled, or placed in proper train for final decision, many of which were peculiarly complicated.

The registry of the sales of public lands (a labor indispensably necessary in order to impose a test to the accuracy of the operations of the land offices) has progressed with unexampled rapidity, since the increased means of executing the duties of this office have been placed at its disposal.

The impediments to the issuing of patents for sales of public lands in the Louisiana districts, hitherto existing, are in rapid process of being removed, so far as operations in this office are concerned; and this subject will receive that degree of special attention which its importance imperatively demands.

In conclusion, I have to state, that, under the provisions of the Chickasaw treaties of the 20th October, 1832, and 24th May, 1834, the sales of the lands ceded thereby commenced at Pontitoc, Mississippi, on the first Monday in January last; and by the returns made to this office, it appears

that, up to the 30th of September last, they amounted to the sum of \$1,080,118 61. The operations at that office are not included in any of the statements herewith furnished, as the nett proceeds of the sales constitute a fund for the benefit of that tribe, and are not available to the Treasury for the general purposes of the Government.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. MOORE,

Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The Honorable LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

STATEMENT of public lands sold, of cash and scrip received in payment therefor, of incidental expenses thereon, and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the year 1835.

LAND OFFICES.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash.	Amount received in scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.		Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
Marietta, Ohio - - -	18,465.29	\$23,094 11	\$22,828 67	\$15 44	\$250 00	\$1,611 00	\$19,238 98
Zanesville, do. - - -	81,441.12	101,321 13	84,820 01	609 46	15,891 66	3,600 06	90,082 51
Steubenville, do. - - -	4,817.94	6,022 42	6,022 42	-	-	1,224 46	5,100 00
Chillicothe, do. - - -	23,943.29	29,911 44	26,456 01	459 60	2,995 83	1,797 08	10,700 00
Cincinnati, do. - - -	31,251.96	38,986 60	33,364 73	5,321 87	300 00	2,132 10	29,839 54
Wooster, do. - - -	8,537.61	10,672 02	10,559 30	112 72	-	1,519 37	9,383 18
Lima and Wapakonneta, Ohio -	226,381.15	282,976 44	274,018 24	1,060 21	7,897 99	6,963 07	260,275 13
Bucyrus, Ohio - - -	266,592.23	333,240 28	319,821 13	-	13,419 15	6,708 79	307,159 49
Total - - -	661,435.59	826,224 44	777,890 51	7,579 30	40,754 63	25,555 93	731,778 83
Jeffersonville, Indiana - - -	69,198.40	86,420 81	84,187 45	817 81	1,415 55	2,994 57	86,050 25
Vincennes, do. - - -	135,002.65	168,769 86	168,065 79	704 07	-	4,844 17	134,683 55
Indianapolis, do. - - -	274,692.05	343,368 36	320,539 40	79 61	22,749 35	7,005 24	331,611 19
Crawfordsville, do. - - -	236,779.08	295,985 18	294,635 18	-	1,350 00	7,381 95	290,929 01
Fort Wayne, do. - - -	396,738.01	502,809 47	501,201 14	-	1,608 33	7,347 08	453,230 60
La Porte, do. - - -	474,494.66	678,217 88	677,917 88	-	300 00	7,653 74	503,127 78
Total - - -	1,586,904.85	2,075,571 56	2,046,546 84	1,601 49	27,423 23	37,226 75	1,799,632 38

Shawneetown, Illinois	-	-	-	10,299.12	12,873 92	12,285 72	468 20	120 00	1,222 14	4,650 00
Kaskaskia, do.	-	-	-	19,870.66	24,838 90	23,935 50	403 40	500 00	1,522 43	19,241 00
Edwardsville, do.	-	-	-	345,794.98	432,406 92	429,082 52	295 20	3,029 20	6,103 89	341,617 00
Vandalia, do.	-	-	-	29,165.82	36,462 50	36,269 17	160 00	33 33	2,156 43	46,778 11
Palestine, do.	-	-	-	38,376.84	47,971 29	47,921 29	-	50 00	1,916 08	30,333 34
Springfield, do.	-	-	-	478,976.56	599,331 88	598,596 32	80 00	655 56	8,718 81	584,170 65
Danville, do.	-	-	-	155,784.21	194,607 01	193,882 01	-	725 00	6,258 86	181,369 66
Quincy, do.	-	-	-	367,337.99	382,154 82	380,319 82	-	1,835 00	6,891 02	453,670 05
Galena, do.	-	-	-	280,979.73	368,206 19	367,506 19	-	700 00	6,916 58	333,780 00
Chicago, do.	-	-	-	370,043.38	505,845 04	505,449 78	95 26	300 00	7,593 42	465,515 22
Total	-	-	-	2,096,629.29	2,604,698 47	2,595,248 32	1,502 06	7,948 09	49,299 66	2,461,125 03
St. Louis, Missouri	-	-	-	52,327.99	65,410 26	64,717 98	442 28	250 00	2,357 86	59,733 14
Fayette, do.	-	-	-	98,995.52	123,888 36	123,879 82	8 54	-	3,854 66	103,273 57
Palmyra, do.	-	-	-	385,705.51	482,188 97	480,722 89	16 08	1,450 00	6,981 16	452,450 40
Jackson, do.	-	-	-	36,518.60	45,809 08	45,809 08	-	-	2,366 23	41,500 00
Lexington, do.	-	-	-	87,956.85	109,980 14	109,980 14	-	-	4,014 03	95,806 84
Springfield, do.	-	-	-	676.00	845 00	845 00	-	-	527 13	-
Total	-	-	-	662,180.47	828,121 81	825,954 91	466 90	1,700 00	20,101 07	752,763 95
St. Stephen's, Alabama	-	-	-	94,999.92	118,750 11	118,653 37	96 74	-	2,498 24	66,680 17
Cahaba, do.	-	-	-	396,751.81	496,188 68	495,091 33	1,097 35	-	7,583 46	488,422 06
Huntsville, do.	-	-	-	38,803.08	48,509 01	47,794 93	714 08	-	2,839 97	45,490 00
Tuscaloosa, do.	-	-	-	243,030.82	303,798 83	303,798 83	-	-	7,434 07	300,000 00
Sparta, do.	-	-	-	34,518.78	43,160 24	43,160 24	-	-	1,958 20	35,217 58
Demopolis, do.	-	-	-	428,389.39	536,657 68	536,641 68	16 00	-	8,617 60	759,625 00
Montgomery, do.	-	-	-	289,572.75	362,208 19	362,208 19	-	-	7,071 42	337,501 88
Mardisville, do.	-	-	-	60,941.32	76,176 52	76,176 52	-	-	3,194 47	61,298 12
Total	-	-	-	1,587,007.87	1,985,449 26	1,983,525 09	1,924 17	-	41,197 43	2,154,234 81

STATEMENT A—Continued.

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LAND OFFICES.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount re- ceived in cash.	Amount received in scrip.		Amount of incidental ex- penses.	Amount paid into the Trea- sury during the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.		Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
Washington, Mississippi - - - -	104,963.48	\$131,078 45	\$130,506 03	\$572 42	-	\$3,333 64	\$130,670 81
Augusta, do. - - - -	187,474.90	234,341 51	230,641 51	-	\$3,700 00	5,312 62	141,000 00
Mount Salus, do. - - - -	958,812.65	1,224,489 45	1,224,167 42	322 03	-	6,849 67	935,839 96
Chocchuma, do. - - - -	339,866.41	432,020 61	432,020 61	-	-	7,175 27	245,020 00
Columbus, do. - - - -	1,340,063.71	1,813,695 53	1,813,547 32	148 21	-	5,731 40	1,925,000 00
Total - - - -	2,931,181.15	3,835,625 55	3,830,882 89	1,042 66	3,700 00	28,402 60	3,377,530 77
New Orleans, Louisiana - - - -	105,167.77	131,459 92	131,459 92	-	-	3,632 77	100,166 57
Opelousas, do. - - - -	39,488.21	49,360 26	49,360 26	-	-	208 50	39,604 87
Ouachita, do. - - - -	158,509.12	198,136 76	197,962 76	174 00	-	5,326 15	192,400 00
St. Helena, do. - - - -	22,790.78	28,488 47	28,488 47	-	-	1,647 13	15,000 00
Total - - - -	325,955.88	407,445 41	407,271 41	174 00	-	10,814 55	347,171 44
Batesville, Arkansas - - - -	75,067.00	93,833 74	93,833 74	-	-	3,138 79	49,485 00
Little Rock, do. - - - -	33,935.42	42,419 35	42,419 35	-	-	2,511 46	37,361 68
Washington, do. - - - -	70,735.92	88,428 33	88,428 33	-	-	4,034 49	145,636 88
Fayetteville, do. - - - -	15,332.26	19,165 28	19,165 28	-	-	2,185 58	30,839 52
Helena, do. - - - -	434,957.15	544,081 29	544,081 29	-	-	8,221 88	390,848 50
Total - - - -	630,027.75	787,927 99	787,927 99	-	-	20,092 20	654,271 58

Detroit, Michigan	-	-	-	405,170.44	506,479 76	506,063 18	361 17	55 41	11,818 50	494,243 75
Monroe, do.	-	-	-	666,415.03	833,018 71	832,918 71	-	100 00	7,076 23	802,000 00
Bronson, do.	-	-	-	745,662.34	932,076 70	932,076 70	-	-	7,787 20	844,264 19
Total	-	-	-	1,817,247.81	2,271,575 17	2,271,058 59	361 17	155 41	26,681 93	2,140,507 94
Mineral Point, Wisconsin	-	-	-	109,171.52	136,540 38	136,540 38	-	-	3,887 82	141,244 40
Green Bay, do.	-	-	-	108,372.39	180,168 69	180,168 69	-	-	6,241 88	160,003 30
Total	-	-	-	217,543.91	316,709 07	316,709 07	-	-	10,129 70	301,247 70
Tallahassee, Florida	-	-	-	48,364.31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32
St. Augustine, do.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	48,334.31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32

RECAPITULATION.

Ohio	-	-	-	661,435.59	826,224 44	777,890 51	7,579 30	40,754 63	25,555 93	731,778 83
Indiana	-	-	-	1,586,904.85	2,075,571 56	2,046,546 84	1,601 49	27,423 23	37,226 75	1,799,632 38
Illinois	-	-	-	2,096,629.29	2,601,698 47	2,595,248 32	1,502 06	7,948 09	49,299 66	2,461,125 03
Missouri	-	-	-	662,180.47	828,121 81	825,954 91	466 90	1,700 00	20,101 07	752,763 95
Alabama	-	-	-	1,587,007.87	1,985,449 26	1,983,525 09	1,924 17	-	41,197 43	2,154,234 81
Mississippi	-	-	-	2,931,181.15	3,835,625 55	3,830,882 89	1,042 66	3,700 00	28,402 60	3,377,530 77
Louisiana	-	-	-	325,955.85	407,445 41	407,271 41	174 00	-	10,814 55	347,171 44
Arkansas	-	-	-	630,027.75	787,927 99	787,927 99	-	-	20,092 20	654,271 58
Michigan	-	-	-	1,817,247.81	2,271,575 17	2,271,058 59	361 17	155 41	26,681 93	2,140,507 94
Wisconsin	-	-	-	217,543.91	316,709 07	316,709 07	-	-	10,129 70	301,247 70
Florida	-	-	-	48,364.31	60,455 38	60,455 38	-	-	2,052 95	37,336 32
Grand total	-	-	-	12,564,478.85	15,999,804 11	15,903,471 00	14,651 75	81,681 36	271,554 77	14,757,600 75

B.

STATEMENT of public lands sold, of cash, Treasurer's receipts, and scrip received therefor, of incidental expenses thereon, and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the first, second, and third quarters of the year 1836.

LAND OFFICES.		Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash and Treasurer's receipts.		Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
		Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
Marietta,	Ohio	61,117.00	\$76,460 25	\$76,460 25	-	-	-	\$1,878 94	\$51,622 59
Zanesville,	do.	115,417.41	139,321 96	120,516 17	-	\$130 80	\$18,674 99	3,804 83	101,452 48
Steubenville,	do.	3,167.76	3,959 70	3,824 70	-	135 00	-	942 76	2,908 96
Chillicothe,	do.	84,046.62	105,058 28	101,418 87	-	168 91	3,470 50	3,027 46	109,500 00
Cincinnati,	do.	95,816.76	119,770 95	116,483 32	-	2,387 63	900 00	3,263 36	78,230 80
Wooster,	do.	7,512.64	9,390 80	9,370 80	-	20 00	-	995 99	7,160 51
Bucyrus,	do.	225,474.03	341,247 64	328,115 75	-	11,131 89	2,000 00	5,046 35	358,280 35
Lima,	do.	373,852.44	467,474 24	442,870 84	-	139 87	24,463 53	7,267 33	427,029 44
Total	-	966,404.66	1,262,683 82	1,199,060 70	-	14,114 10	49,509 02	26,227 02	1,136,185 13
Jeffersonville,	Indiana	219,486.66	274,364 73	270,281 81	-	40 00	4,042 92	4,744 42	265,715 43
Vincennes,	do.	441,495.03	551,900 86	548,990 83	-	260 03	2,650 00	5,746 00	555,687 50
Indianapolis,	do.	243,969.27	304,991 62	236,672 14	-	351 00	67,968 48	4,854 12	230,378 23
Crawfordsville,	do.	292,474.83	365,671 59	334,524 55	-	-	31,147 04	5,107 81	332,769 88
Fort Wayne,	do.	1,000,425.34	1,253,202 75	1,243,249 55	\$1,200 00	78 20	8,675 00	6,601 41	1,241,360 05
La Porte,	do.	392,362.91	491,026 58	480,392 21	-	-	10,634 37	6,966 02	633,707 37
Total	-	2,590,214.04	3,241,158 13	3,114,111 09	1,200 00	729 23	125,117 81	34,019 78	3,259,618 46
Shawneetown,	Illinois	120,371.18	150,546 88	149,206 88	-	1,240 00	100 00	4,248 55	148,034 75
Kaskaskia,	do.	127,173.64	158,957 05	158,643 30	-	313 75	-	4,092 93	152,059 76
Edwardsville,	do.	409,965.05	512,688 53	508,595 62	-	80 00	4,012 91	3,843 06	576,705 36
Vandalia,	do.	201,349.11	271,919 41	261,246 08	-	80 00	10,593 33	6,687 11	238,364 40

Palestine, do.	-	88,957.46	111,196 83	109,796 83	-	-	1,400 00	3,254 73	124,370 74
Springfield, do.	-	339,102.69	498,895 30	486,309 36	-	-	12,585 94	4,427 53	482,762 02
Danville, do.	-	214,667.57	268,353 84	196,752 98	-	-	71,600 86	6,474 34	160,020 00
Quincy, do.	-	454,715.96	568,513 35	567,063 35	-	-	1,450 00	5,035 04	575,416 77
Galena, do.	-	414,006.58	517,536 94	517,111 94	-	-	425 00	6,962 48	367,844 32
Chicago, do.	-	186,285.41	232,861 07	232,761 07	-	-	100 00	5,391 40	237,754 42
Total	-	2,556,594.65	3,291,469 20	3,187,487 41	-	1,713 75	102,268 04	50,417 17	3,063,332 54
St. Louis, Missouri	-	152,608.87	190,761 70	190,485 09	-	135 99	140 62	4,663 27	177,824 50
Fayette, do.	-	213,173.01	266,483 00	266,195 02	-	162 98	125 00	5,503 96	234,707 83
Palmyra, do.	-	608,946.44	761,221 70	755,621 70	-	-	5,600 00	6,981 45	765,642 04
Jackson, do.	-	119,354.42	150,311 48	149,800 54	-	-	510 94	4,227 36	139,200 00
Lexington, do.	-	182,228.41	228,070 76	227,470 76	-	-	600 00	5,932 64	178,080 17
Springfield, do.	-	4,128.03	5,271 64	5,271 64	-	-	-	2,105 48	-
Total	-	1,280,439.18	1,602,120 28	1,594,844 75	-	298 97	6,976 56	29,414 16	1,495,454 54
St. Stephens,* Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	262,500 00
Cahaba,† do.	-	378,631.00	473,889 87	473,627 60	-	262 27	-	4,663 35	466,286 30
Huntsville, do.	-	60,572.56	75,717 65	74,527 56	-	1,190 09	-	2,986 22	80,486 68
Tuscaloosa, do.	-	209,437.05	261,795 94	261,795 94	-	-	-	7,048 49	265,000 00
Sparta, do.	-	110,107.01	137,657 50	137,657 50	-	-	-	3,800 00	117,462 58
Demopolis, do.	-	217,494.61	271,868 81	271,868 81	-	-	-	6,004 07	298,500 03
Montgomery, do.	-	145,145.70	181,432 26	181,432 26	-	-	-	4,619 13	187,583 81
Mardisville, do.	-	59,655.54	74,569 43	74,569 43	-	-	-	2,494 32	77,225 83
Total	-	1,181,043.47	1,476,931 46	1,475,479 10	-	1,452 36	-	31,615 58	1,755,045 23
Washington, Mississippi	-	142,276.92	177,849 11	177,033 02	-	816 09	-	4,364 97	172,665 81
Augusta, do.	-	270,807.26	326,247 66	333,947 66	-	-	2,300 00	5,150 80	393,500 00
Mount Salus and Jackson, do.	-	344,494.04	430,918 05	430,718 05	-	-	200 00	1,671 16	690,015 02
Chocchuma, do.	-	146,491.10	183,113 72	183,113 72	-	-	-	4,696 13	341,850 00
Columbus, do.	-	785,722.71	966,652 89	951,873 97	-	78 92	14,700 00	5,046 51	1,288,466 85
Total	-	1,689,792.03	2,094,781 43	2,076,686 42	-	895 01	17,200 00	20,929 57	2,886,497 68

* No returns.

† Returns received to 31st August only.

STATEMENT B—Continued.

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LAND OFFICES.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash and Treasurer's receipts.		Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
New Orleans, Louisiana* -	265,598.37	\$332,254 62	\$332,254 62	-	-	-	\$5,814 55	\$76,443 95
Opelousas, do. -	122,076.28	152,594 99	152,408 32	-	\$186 67	-	3,925 51	135,700 00
Ouachita, do. -	248,164.30	310,205 92	310,205 92	-	-	-	6,699 49	300,250 14
St. Helena, do. -	126,188.50	157,735 62	157,735 62	-	-	-	4,221 42	159,070 00
Total - - -	762,027.45	952,791 15	952,604 48	-	186 67	-	20,660 97	671,464 09
Batesville, Arkansas -	42,851.68	53,689 61	53,689 61	-	-	-	2,383 56	54,622 28
Little Rock, do. -	255,454.00	319,317 73	319,317 73	-	-	-	8,502 49	316,769 69
Washington, do. -	246,618.76	308,273 62	308,273 62	-	-	-	6,760 27	304,425 00
Fayetteville, do. -	109,384.72	136,730 79	136,730 79	-	-	-	4,604 91	88,957 00
Helena, do. -	164,790.36	205,987 93	205,687 93	-	-	\$300 00	5,655 71	238,921 80
Total - - -	819,099.52	1,023,999 68	1,023,699 68	-	-	300 00	27,906 94	1,003,695 77
Detroit, Michigan -	1,355,094.32	1,694,401 34	1,666,711 15	-	-	27,690 19	6,685 72	1,562,432 18
Monroe, do. -	455,477.65	573,930 73	570,530 73	-	-	3,400 00	7,069 78	510,000 00
Bronson and Kalamazoo, do.	1,461,867.32	1,827,334 24	1,826,034 24	-	-	1,300 00	9,135 51	1,908,803 20
Ionia, do. -	125,070.79	156,446 76	156,446 76	-	-	-	2,739 28	-
Genesee, do. -	97,919.39	122,452 87	122,452 87	-	-	-	1,080 18	73,542 18
Total - - -	3,495,429.47	4,374,565 94	4,342,175 75	-	-	32,390 19	26,710 47	4,054,777 56

Mineral Point, Wisconsin	310,971.89	388,759 64	371,632 11	-	-	17,127 53	7,279 03	336,363 56
Green Bay, do.	203,761.49	255,631 58	253,994 08	-	-	1,637 50	6,979 39	206,422 06
Milwauky, do.	34,881.53	43,848 56	41,548 56	\$2,000 00	-	300 00	877 50	
Total - - -	549,614.91	688,239 78	667,174 75	2,000 00	-	19,065 03	15,135 92	542,785 62
Tallahassee, Florida - -	43,770.98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
St. Augustine,† do. - -								
Total - - -	43,770.98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
Received by the Treasurer of the United States - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,350 00

RECAPITULATION.

Ohio - - -	966,404.66	1,262,683 82	1,199,060 70	-	14,114 10	49,509 02	26,227 02	1,136,185 13
Indiana - - -	2,590,214.04	3,241,158 13	3,114,111 09	1,200 00	729 23	125,117 81	34,019 78	3,259,618 46
Illinois - - -	2,556,594.65	3,291,469 20	3,187,487 41	-	1,713 75	102,268 04	50,417 17	3,063,332 54
Missouri - - -	1,280,439.18	1,602,120 28	1,594,844 75	-	298 97	6,976 56	29,414 16	1,495,454 54
Alabama - - -	1,181,043.47	1,476,931 46	1,475,479 10	-	1,452 36	-	31,615 58	1,755,045 23
Mississippi - - -	1,689,792.03	2,094,781 43	2,076,686 42	-	895 01	17,200 00	20,929 57	2,886,497 68
Louisiana - - -	762,027.45	952,791 15	952,604 48	-	186 67	-	20,660 97	671,464 09
Arkansas - - -	819,099.52	1,023,999 68	1,023,699 68	-	-	300 00	27,906 94	1,003,695 77
Michigan - - -	3,495,429.47	4,374,565 94	4,342,175 75	-	-	32,390 19	26,710 47	4,054,777 56
Wisconsin - - -	549,614.91	688,239 78	667,174 75	2,000 00	-	19,065 03	15,135 92	542,785 62
Florida - - -	43,770.98	54,713 71	54,713 71	-	-	-	2,058 45	48,723 26
Received by the Treasurer of the United States - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,350 00
Grand total - - -	15,934,430.36	20,063,454 58	19,688,037 84	3,200 00	19,390 09	352,826 65	285,096 03	20,048,929 88

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *December 1, 1836.*

JOHN M. MOORE, *Acting Commissioner.*

* Returns received to 30th June only.

† No sales.

C.

ESTIMATE of the expenses of the General Land Office for the year 1837, under the act of Congress of the 4th of July, 1836, for the reorganization thereof, and on account of deficiency in appropriation for 1836, viz :

Salary of the Commissioner	-	-	\$3,000
Salary of the principal clerk of the public lands	-	-	1,800
Salary of the principal clerk on private land claims	-	-	1,800
Salary of the principal clerk of the surveys	-	-	1,800
Salary of the recorder	-	-	1,500
Salary of the solicitor	-	-	2,000
Salaries of the clerks, draughtsman and assistant draughtsman	-	-	95,100
Salaries of messengers, assistant messengers and packers	-	-	3,350
Total salaries for 1837,			\$110,350 00

The salaries of the Commissioner, and other officers and persons employed in the General Land Office during the year 1836, under its former and present organization, are estimated to amount to - - - - - \$51,524 99

On the 1st of January, 1836, the agent for paying salaries had a balance in his hands of \$138 89; and as by the act of the 9th of May, 1836, there was appropriated towards the payment of salaries in the General Land Office the sum of \$23,500, there was applicable to that object for the present year, the sum of - - - - - 23,638 89

Thus leaving a deficiency now required to be appropriated on account of the salaries for the year 1836, no appropriation having been made by the act of the 4th of July, 1836, of - - - - - 27,886 10

Total for 1836 and 1837, \$138,236 10

For the cost of 150,000 pieces of parchment for patents, including the cost of printing the same, at 17 cents per piece, and also the cost of books for patent records - - - 29,250 00

For tract books, the various other articles of books and stationery, furniture, expense of advertising land sales, and all other items of contingent expenses, including office rent for the additional building required - - - 10,000 00

For attending to the fixtures of the additional building occupied by this office, regulating the night watch, and superintending the purchase of fuel and other articles required for the same - - - - - 250 00

Three watchmen at \$400 each, - - - - - 1,200 00

One day laborer - - - - - 365 00

Total, - - - \$179,301 10

D.

ESTIMATE of the salaries for the offices of the Surveyors General for the year 1837.

Salary of the Surveyor General northwest of Ohio	\$2,000	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per acts of 9th May, 1836,	6,300	
Salary of the clerks employed in transcribing the field notes for the General Land Office	3,200	\$11,500
Salary of the Surveyor General for Illinois and Missouri	\$2,000	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per acts of 9th May, 1836,	5,820	7,820
Salary of the Surveyor General for Arkansas	\$1,500	
Salary of the clerks in his office, being \$1,800 less than the amount appropriated by the acts of 9th May, 1836,	2,800	4,300
Salary of the Surveyor General for Louisiana	\$2,000	
Salaries of the clerks in his office, per acts of 9th May, 1836	4,000	
With an additional submission of	300	6,300
Salary of the Surveyor General for Mississippi	\$2,000	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per acts of 9th May, 1836	6,000	8,000
Salary of the Surveyor General for Alabama	\$2,000	
Salary of the clerks in his office, per acts of 9th May, 1836	2,000	4,000
Salary of the Surveyor General for Florida,	\$2,000	
Salary of the clerks in his office, being \$500 less than the amount appropriated by the acts of 9th May, 1836,	3,000	
Salary of the clerks employed in transcribing the field notes for the General Land Office	2,000	7,000

The field notes in the office of the Surveyor General for Alabama have all been transcribed for transmission to this office; and in the other offices where no special appropriation is asked for that object, the regular force will be employed upon that duty, so far as the current business will admit.

Submitted by the Surveyor General for Louisiana.

To defray the expenses of completing the copies of confirmations and order of survey, and procuring from the offices of the Registers copies of plats, sketches, and other evidences necessary to the correct location of the private claims as explained in his letter accompanying the report from the General Land Office	\$2,000
For office rent and fuel in the offices of the Surveyors General	2,500

E.

Estimate of the appropriations required for surveying the public lands during the year 1837.

Referring to the estimates of the Surveyors General, that will be submitted with the annual report from this office, for the probable extent of the surveying operations in the year 1837, it is respectfully submitted, that, in addition to the existing unexpended balances of appropriations for surveying public lands, there be appropriated for 1837 an aggregate amount for that object, to be duly apportioned among the several surveying districts, according to the exigencies of the public service, of \$150,000.

Also, that for the completion of unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c. the surveying of which cannot be effected at the present maximum rates of mileage allowed by law, the following appropriations be made, agreeably to the accompanying estimates of the Surveyors General, viz :

For Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, to be applied not exceeding \$5 per mile	\$3,040
For Florida, to be applied not exceeding \$5 per mile	6,000
For Louisiana, to be applied not exceeding \$8 per mile	20,000
For Alabama, in addition to \$2,500 remaining unexpended for the same object, appropriated by act of Congress of 9th May, 1836, and both appropriations to be applied not exceeding \$8 per mile	1,000

As the estimates have not been received from the surveyor for Illinois and Missouri, and from the surveyor for Mississippi, reference is made to the annual report of the General Land Office, and to the documents accompanying the same from the first named officer, for a view of the present situation of the business in his district and office; and to the same report for a statement of the work to be performed in Mississippi. Should it be decided to extend the surveying operations in the districts under the charge of those officers during the next year, such portion of the general appropriation now asked for, as may be required by the circumstances in each case, will be apportioned to those districts.

Whenever the required estimates for those offices are received, they will be submitted.

F.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

September 1, 1836.

SIR: You are requested to furnish this office with an estimate, for the year 1837, of the amount of the surveying which the public interest requires to be performed within your surveying district, together with a separate estimate of the expenses of your office for the same year, accompanied by a statement exhibiting the manner in which the appropriation of 1836 for extra clerk hire has thus far been applied, and the amount which will be required the ensuing year for the prosecution of the work now in progress under that appropriation.

I have likewise to call your attention particularly to the surveys within

your district, comprising portions of townships, islands, &c. remaining unfinished or unsurveyed from various causes, but chiefly on account of the maximum price allowed by law being inadequate to pay for the work. In many of these cases the lands have become valuable, and should be surveyed where the enhanced price would justify it. With a view, therefore, of obtaining a special appropriation for that purpose, I have to request that you will report a list of all such of these tracts as are deemed worth surveying at augmented prices, specifying the number of miles, and, as nearly as you may be enabled to judge, the cost per mile, for surveying the same, making the amount a separate item in your general estimate.

As these estimates are to be laid before the Secretary of the Treasury in time to enable him to submit them to Congress at the beginning of the approaching session, it will be necessary that you should furnish them before the close of this month, if possible.

I am, &c.

ETHAN A. BROWN,
Commissioner.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to submit to you an estimate of the expenses of this office for the year 1837, with a statement of "the manner in which the appropriation of 1836, for extra clerk hire, has thus far been applied, and the amount which will be required the ensuing year for the prosecution of the work now in progress under that appropriation."

The act of the 9th of May last, "providing for the salaries of certain officers therein named," &c., authorizes the Surveyor General of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan to employ two clerks, at a sum not exceeding two thousand three hundred dollars, and he is allowed the further sum of four thousand dollars for additional clerk hire. The additional force here provided for was probably intended to be employed (in part) in transcribing the field notes of the public surveys in this office, for preservation at the seat of Government. This work was commenced early in the present year, and on which three or four clerks were employed, most of their time, for near three months. The increase, however, of the current business arising out of the surveys in the Milwaukee district, Wisconsin Territory, which could not be laid over without injury to the public interests, required all the force of the office. The transcribing the field notes will be resumed and continued whenever, and as often as the important current duties of the office will permit.

This course, which the necessity of the case seemed to call for, will, I trust, be approved of by you.

It is probable that the amount of public surveys to be made in this district, the ensuing year, will fully equal that of any former year.

The experience of the past has shown that the amount of business growing out of the surveys, which, in that case, would devolve upon this office, cannot be performed by a less number of clerks than are now employed in it. In view of the important object in transcribing the field notes, for preservation at the seat of Government, it is very desirable that that work should

be prosecuted as expeditiously as may be consistent with a correct and prompt discharge of our current duties. The expediency, therefore, of making a liberal appropriation at once for that object, so as to accomplish it at an early period, must be apparent; particularly as no provision has been made, nor measures taken by the Government, to provide *fire-proof* rooms, in which to keep the field notes, books, and papers of this office, which (the field notes and plats especially) it is of *incalculable importance* to the people of this surveying district, and indeed to the whole nation, should be safely kept and preserved.

If it should be your intention to recommend to Congress, at its approaching session, the printing of all the field notes of the public surveys in this office, as recommended in my communication of the 19th of March last, still, should that measure be adopted, the same increase of allowance for clerk hire will be necessary; for much of the field notes will have to be arranged and transcribed for the press, and the proofs of the whole work read in this office.

In my communication to the Committee of Ways and Means, of the 5th of March last, on the subject of the course of business in this office, (a copy of which was transmitted to you,) I recommended the expediency of providing by law for compensation for a messenger for this office. This expense is now borne by the Surveyor General; otherwise, the appropriate duties of messenger would devolve on the clerks themselves, at a loss of time.

The justice and propriety of making provision by law, also, for *office rent and fuel* for this office, has from time to time, for many years past, been urged. I renew my claim to be relieved from these burdens, and cannot but hope that the justice of the claim will be readily admitted and provided for.

Let it be remembered that the salary of the Surveyor General is the same *now* that it was when the office was first created, *forty years* ago; while the expenses of the office, in the items above mentioned, have greatly increased as well as the duties and responsibilities of the officer himself.

With the foregoing brief views, I beg leave to submit the following estimate for the expenses of this office for the year 1837:

For two clerks (chief clerk and principal draughtsman) as provided by act of 9th of May, 1836	-	-	-	\$2,300 00
For additional clerk hire, per said act	-	-	-	4,000 00
For compensation for <i>extra</i> clerks to transcribe the field notes of the public surveys, for preservation at the seat of Government	-	-	-	3,200 00
For compensation for messenger for this office	-	-	-	300 00
For stationery and office furniture	-	-	-	350 00
For postage on letters and packets	-	-	-	650 00
For office rent and fuel	-	-	-	250 00
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				\$11,050 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBT. T. LYTLE.

HON. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In compliance with the instructions in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to submit the following estimate of the amount of surveying which the public interest requires to be performed within this surveying district, for the year 1837; and the amount of appropriation which may be necessary for that purpose.

The appropriations for this object, for the current year, in this district, are:

For surveys in Ohio	-	-	-	-	\$650 00
For surveys in Michigan peninsula	-	-	-	-	15,000 00
For surveys in Michigan west of the Lake, and in Wisconsin Territory	-	-	-	-	50,000 00
Total					\$65,650 00

Out of this sum there will have been expended within the current year, for surveys in Milwaukee district, (Wisconsin Territory,) in Indiana, and in Ohio, including incidental expenses, stationery, postage, &c. about

23,000 00

Leaving an unexpended balance of this year's appropriation of

42,650 00

Of which balance, there is applicable to the surveys

in Wisconsin Territory, about	-	-	\$27,650 00
And in Michigan peninsula	-	-	15,000 00
			\$ 42, 650 00

The survey of a series of townships, including exterior lines and meanders of rivers, lakes, &c. will average about eighty miles per township. And in that portion of this district which is to be the scene of our future operations, the surveys cannot be made for a less price than three dollars per mile, the maximum allowance; estimating, then, the Sac and Fox cession west of the Mississippi, in Wisconsin Territory, at two hundred and fifty townships, and the Ottawa and Chippewa cession in Michigan peninsula at two hundred and seventy-five townships, the quantity of surveying in the former will be twenty thousand miles, at an expense of sixty thousand dollars; and in the latter, twenty-two thousand miles, at an expense of sixty-six thousand dollars.

Assuming that the entire of these two tracts may be surveyed next year, together with a portion of the Ottawa and Chippewa cession in the *northern* peninsula of Michigan, (between the straits of Mackinack and Lake Superior) there will be wanted the following sums for the prosecution of the public surveys in this surveying department for the ensuing year; subject, however, to such modifications as the views of the department, in regard to the *amount* of surveys which may be ordered for that year, may render expedient:

For surveying the public lands in Michigan peninsula, in addition to the appropriation for 1836	-	-	-	\$51,000 00
For surveying the public lands in the <i>northern</i> peninsula of Michigan, (between the straits of Mackinack and Lake Superior)	-	-	-	20,000 00
For surveying the public lands in Wisconsin Territory, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1836	-	-	-	32,350 00

For surveying *unfinished* portions of townships, rivers, lakes, islands, &c. in the old surveys, referred to in the accompanying list and report on that subject - - - \$3,040 00

\$106,390 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

I am, very respectfully, sir,
Your obedient servant,

ROBT. T. LYTLE.

HON. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Cincinnati, September 21, 1836.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions of the 1st instant, I report to you a list (subjoined) of portions of townships, islands, &c., which remain unfinished, or unsurveyed, from various causes, and which are deemed worth surveying at augmented prices.

IN OHIO.

	MILES.
1. Meanders of the Scioto river, in townships 4 and 5 south, range 9 east, 1st meridian - - -	4
2. Survey of sundry islands in the Miami and Maumee rivers - - -	25
3. Survey of numerous small lakes in various parts of the State, preventing the sale of the lands around them - - -	40

IN INDIANA.

4. A small tract in township 4 north, range 2 east, 2d meridian, on White river - - -	1
5. Meanders of White river in townships 2 and 4 north, range 7 west - - -	15
6. Survey of sundry islands in the St. Joseph's, Maumee, Wabash, Tippacanoe, Eel and White rivers - - -	50
7. Survey of numerous small lakes, in different parts of the State, preventing the sale of the lands around them - - -	100

IN MICHIGAN.

8. Meanders of river Au Sable and Lake Erie, in townships 7 and 8 south, range 8 east - - -	3
9. Survey of sundry islands in the Huron, Raisin, St. Clair, St. Joseph's, Kalamazoo, Grand, and other rivers - - -	70
10. Survey of numerous small lakes, in old surveys, preventing the sale of the lands around them - - -	300

Total number of miles - 608

The foregoing comprise all the unsurveyed portions of land of the description referred to by you, which are now recollected; time not permitting an examination of the plats of the whole district, to make out a minute list.

The contents of the fractional sections on White river, in townships 2 and 4 north, range 7 west, 2d meridian, Indiana, (item 5,) have been several times called for by the Register of the land office at Vincennes, but which could not be furnished for want of the survey. There are other portions of that river, and of the east fork of White river, of which there are no meanders, in this office; on which account subdivisions of a number of unsold fractional sections on these rivers could not be furnished to the Register.

Inquiries are frequently made at this office concerning unsurveyed *islands*, in the several rivers named in the foregoing list. All of these which contain land fit for cultivation, or which would be saleable on account of timber, or other advantages, ought to be surveyed and prepared for sale.

The unsurveyed *small lakes*, scattered over a large portion of this surveying district, are very frequently referred to as preventing the sale of the sections, or parts of sections, in which they are situated. This subject, in reference to lakes of this description in Michigan, was laid before the Commissioner of the General Land Office, many years ago, by the Surveyor General. A portion of his correspondence on that subject accompanies this, marked A, B, C.

From the detached situation and small amount of these several surveys, and the loss of time in travelling from one to another, and the difficulty of finding old corners and lines, and connecting the new surveys with them, I am of opinion that it would require an *average* of at least five dollars per mile, to induce a competent surveyor to undertake such work.

Estimating, then, the whole of the surveys of the description alluded to at *six hundred and eight miles*, and at an average expense of five dollars per mile, it would require an appropriation of *three thousand and forty dollars*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LYTTLE.

Hon. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

A.

*Extract of a letter from Edward Tiffin, Surveyor General, to John Bid-
dle, Register of the Land Office at Detroit, Michigan.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Chillicothe, April 9, 1825.

"SIR: I have received your letter of the 24th March ult., on the subject of the small lakes being included in the calculation of the contents of the public lands in Michigan Territory, &c.

"From the information I had from the surveyors of the public lands in Michigan, several years ago, I then addressed a letter to the Commissioner

of the General Land Office, recommending the survey of the small lakes, for the purpose of excluding them from the estimate of the quantities of the land; and I was instructed by Mr. Meigs to survey and exclude such lakes as might be *five or six miles*, or more, in circumference, and having good saleable land on their margins. These instructions I gave to the surveyors for their government, and under them a considerable number of lakes have been surveyed; many of which are not half the extent of those authorized by the Commissioner to be excluded.

"I agree with you in opinion, that all the small lakes, having saleable land around them, ought to be surveyed, and excluded in the estimates of the contents of the public lands; and for the purpose of obtaining instructions to this effect, I shall again lay the subject before the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with a copy of your letter, and urge the necessity of the remedy sought for."

B.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Chillicothe, April 9, 1825.

SIR: I enclose you a copy of a letter from the Register of the land office at Detroit, received this morning, urging the necessity of surveying the small lakes, with which the Territory of Michigan abounds, for the purpose of excluding them from the estimate of the contents of the public lands. Several years ago, Mr. Meigs, former Commissioner of the General Land Office, authorized me to survey such lakes, bounded by saleable lands, as are five or six miles in circumference. This has been done: but there are a vast number of *smaller* lakes which remain *unsurveyed* for want of authority from Government, by which means a great quantity of excellent land, on the margin of those lakes, is effectually excluded from market. By surveying those lakes, and excluding them from the estimate of the quantity of land in the sections where situated, I am of opinion that the public interests would be greatly subserved in the increase of sales.

Look, if you please, at the general plat of the public lands in Michigan Territory, on which most of the small lakes, intersected by the section lines, are shown.

I respectfully and earnestly recommend this subject to your consideration, and request your instructions thereon.

Yours, respectfully,
E. TIFFIN.

GEO. GRAHAM, Esq.,
Commissioner General Land Office.

C.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Chillicothe, December 26, 1825.

SIR: Referring to your letter to me of the 23d of May last, and to my letter book, I discover that the "estimate of the probable expense of surveying such lakes, included in the surveys of the townships heretofore made and

returned, as have not been surveyed, and which it may be deemed expedient to survey," has been inadvertently neglected to be furnished to you.

The estimate called for is herewith enclosed, and I hope that it will be received in time to be made an item in the appropriation asked for for the ensuing year.

I am, &c.,

E. TIFFIN.

GEO. GRAHAM, Esq.,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

Estimate of the probable expense of surveying such lakes in the surveyed townships of United States land, in the Territory of Michigan, as have not been surveyed, and which it may be deemed expedient to survey.

In the returns of the deputy surveyors of the surveys of the United States lands, those lakes only, over or very near which their lines pass, are noted in their field books. But it is represented by those who have surveyed in Michigan, that in those parts of the Territory where small lakes abound, there are numerous lakes, deep and incapable of being drained, which are situated in the *interior* of the sections. Having this fact in view, and carefully examining the township plats, on which are laid down such lakes as are noted by the surveyors, I think it probable that there will be at least *three hundred and fifty miles* of surveying in the *unsurveyed* lakes which come under the description mentioned in the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to me, of the 23d May last, and which, at the present price allowed for surveying (viz: two dollars and fifty cents per mile,) would require an appropriation of *eight hundred and seventy-five dollars*; which estimate is respectfully submitted.

E. TIFFIN.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cincinnati, October 6, 1836.

SIR: In my annual estimate for salaries for 1837, communicated to you on the 21st September last, the following item was inadvertently left out, and which you will be pleased to insert in the proper place in that estimate:

"For compensation to the Surveyor General - - \$2,000"

And that sum will be added to the total amount.

I am, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LYTTLE.

HON. ETHAN A. BROWN,

Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS,
Surveyor General's Office, November 3, 1836.

SIR: In compliance with your letter requiring a report of the business of this office, both in the field and in the office, I submit the following statement thereof:

The only work now going on in the field is as follows:

By Joseph Montgomery, who is completing the surveys under his contract of 1834.

By D. A. Spaulding, who is finishing his contract of the 9th of June, 1835.

And by Jesse Applegate, under his contract of the 25th day of May of the present year.

The force of the office is engaged as follows:

1. Examining the field notes of the surveys returned under the contracts specified in the papers marked A, B, and C, accompanying another communication of this day.

2. Constructing plats of the new surveys, making the requisite copies thereof, and calculating the areas of the fractional sections.

3. Calculating the areas, and subdividing the fractional sections of the old surveys, and preparing plats thereof for the district land offices, and for the General Land Office under the act of Congress of the 5th of April, 1832.

4. Recording and copying field notes of the old surveys, at which three clerks are employed.

5. Furnishing such information and copies of such plats and notes of surveys and other papers, as the various wants of the public require.

6. Preparing orders of survey, and the necessary plats and descriptions for the survey of private claims confirmed by the late act of Congress.

7. Renewing the mutilated and worn-out plats for the district land offices; at which one clerk is engaged under the appropriation of \$5,000 by an act of Congress approved 27th of June, 1834, to enable the respective Surveyors General to furnish the several land offices with renewed township plats. (See page 56 of the acts of the first session of the 23d Congress.)

I am, sir, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

DANIEL DUNKLIN.

TO ETHAN A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

CLASS A.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for, and authorized by instructions under the general appropriation for surveying public lands, and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for by the Surveyor General; and showing the estimated amount that will be wanted to adjust the accounts which will probably be presented during the present quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

Names of contracting deputy surveyors, and of persons authorized to execute surveys under instructions.	Dates of contracts and instructions.	Estimated amounts of the surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Dollars advanced by Mr. Langham.	Estimated amount of dollars unpaid.	Estimated amount of accounts which will probably be presented during the present quarter, or early in the first quarter of 1837.
		MILES.	DOLLARS.			
1. William S. Hamilton	July 19, 1833	800	2,400 00	-	2,400 00	
2. James W. Stephenson	August 18, 1833	700	2,100 00	-	2,100 00	
3. Chas. R. Bennet and Luther H. Bowen	September 2, 1833	60	180 00	-	180 00	
4. Elias Barcroft	October 12, 1833	78	234 00	-	234 00	
5. Joseph C. Browne	June 10, 1833	1,004	3,012 00	2,580	432 00	\$432 00
6. Joseph C. Browne	February 10, 1834	35	105 00	-	105 00	105 00
7. Elias Barcroft	November 8, 1834	35.43	106 31	-	106 31	106 31
8. John R. Porter	October 9, 1834	45.08	135 24	-	135 24	135 24
9. John M. Robinson	October 24, 1833	120	360 00	-	360 00	360 00
10. John M. Robinson	October 15, 1834	252	756 00	-	756 00	756 00
11. Lisbon Applegate	April 10, 1835	16	48 00	-	48 00	
12. Edward McDonald	April 3, 1835	248.44	745 34	-	745 34	745 34
13. Erskine Stansbury	April 3, 1835	791	2,373 00	300	2,073 00	2,073 00
14. Jesse Applegate	June, 1835	528	1,584 00	-	1,584 00	1,584 00
15. E. T. Christy	April 10, 1835	300	900 00	-	900 00	900 00
16. D. A. Spaulding	June 9, 1835	800	2,400 00	300	2,100 00	2,100 00
17. Joseph C. Browne	Sept'ber 21, 1835	4	12 00	-	12 00	12 00
18. James Finley	Surveying and connecting private claims with public surveys in Missouri, under instructions of 1835 and 1836	130	390 00	-	390 00	390 00
19. Isaac Woods						
20. Geo. C. Harbison						
21. Wm. Bartlett						
22. John Rodney	Correcting some surveys in Illinois county tract in 1836	80	240 00	-	240 00	240 00
23. Allen Pirsinger						
24. J. W. Brattle						
25. Hans Patten						
26. J. D. Manlove	1836	60	180 00	-	180 00	180 00
27. Charles R. Bennet						
		6,086.95	18,260 89	3,180	15,080 89	10,118 89

Making an estimated aggregate of \$10,118 89, which will be wanted to adjust the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the current quarter, and early in the first quarter in 1837.

CLASS B.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for under the appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, for surveying the lands in Illinois to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaty with the Potawatamies of the 20th of October, 1832, and ratified on the 11th of January, 1832; and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for by the Surveyor General, (See pages 44 and 45 of the acts of the 2d session of the 22d Congress, for the appropriation, and page 1 of the appendix to said acts for the treaty.)

Names of contractors.	Dates of contracts.	Estimated amounts of the surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Dollars advanced by Mr. Langham.	Estimated amount of dollars unpaid.	Estimate of what it is supposed will be wanted during the present, (4th quarter) of 1836, or early in the 1st quarter of 1837.
		MILES.	DOLLARS.			
1. Enoch Moore -	August 12, 1833	708	2,124	-	2,124	\$2,124
2. Wm. L. D. Ewing -	August 15, 1833	750	2,250	1,823 38	426 62	426 62
3. Edward Smith -	Sept. 27, 1833	9.57	28 72	-	28 72	28 72
4. Daniel W. Beckwith	October 29, 1833	33	96	-	96	96
		1,499.57	4,498 72	1,823 38	2,675 34	2,579 34

Making an estimated aggregate of \$2,579 34, which will be wanted to adjust the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the present quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

CLASS C.

STATEMENT of the surveys contracted for under the appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for surveying a portion of the public lands in the southwestern part of the State of Missouri, to which the Indian title was extinguished in 1832; and which have not been examined, sanctioned, and fully paid for by the Surveyor General, (See page 59 of the acts of the 1st session of the 23d Congress for the appropriation.)

Names of contractors.	Dates of contracts.	Estimated amounts of surveys not examined and sanctioned by the Surveyor General.		Amount of dollars advanced.	Estimated amount unpaid, and for which it is expected accounts will be presented during the present quarter and first quarter of 1837.
		MILES.	DOLLARS.		
1. Elias Barcroft -	Nov. 6, 1834 -	792	2,376	1,200 00	\$1,176
2. Jesse Applegate -	Nov. 16, 1834 -	414	1,242	-	1,242
3. Joseph Montgomery -	Dec. 9 & 27, 1834 -	762	2,286	-	2,286
4. E. T. Christy -	Dec. 11, 1834 -	774	2,322	-	2,322
5. Wm. Drinker -	Dec. 23, 1834 -	762	2,286	-	2,286
6. R. T. Holliday -	April 2, 1835 -	762	2,286	-	2,286
7. Edward McDonald -	April 3, 1835 -	513.55	1,540 66	-	1,540 66
		4,779.55	14,338 66	1,200 00	13,138 66

Making an aggregate of \$13,138 66, which it is estimated will be wanted to pay the accounts that will probably be presented and allowed during the current quarter, and early in the first quarter of 1837.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
Little Rock, Arkansas, September 22, 1836.

SIR: Your letter of the 29th August ult., requesting the "usual estimates" for the year 1837, was received on yesterday; and, in compliance therewith, I have the honor to submit the following, as the probable expenses of this office for the year designated, viz:

For surveying public lands	-	-	-	-	\$25,000
For salary of Surveyor General	-	-	-	-	1,500
For salary of regular clerks	-	-	-	-	1,800
For salary of extra clerks	-	-	-	-	1,000
For postage	-	-	-	-	125
For stationery	-	-	-	-	125
For office furniture and printing	-	-	-	-	100
For house-rent and fuel	-	-	-	-	300

\$29,950

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD CROSS.

T. L. SMITH, Esq.,
Register U. S. Treasury, Washington City.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Donaldsonville, October 20, 1836.

SIR: Before offering the estimate required by your letter of the 1st ult., permit me to make a few remarks in reference to the description of surveys that the public interest requires; and to explain the reasons why the service of the current year will fall short of the amount anticipated by the last appropriation.

The early part of the season was unusually wet, and unfavorable to such surveying as remains to be executed in this State, being ridges of rich alluvial land adapted to cultivation, separated by cypress swamp, subject to inundation; and when it was possible to survey, the attention of most of the deputies, as well as those employed in the office, was required to give effect to the law allowing pre-emptions of the back tracts, which expired on the 15th of June last, and which unfortunately required a resurvey and renewal of the maps for most of the tracts that were entered.

But a small portion of that part of the appropriation intended to cover the expenses of resurveys and the location of claims could be used, in consequence of this office not being provided with sufficient data to enable us to identify the ancient boundaries of the tracts. The copies of the confirmations and orders of survey being incomplete, the records and plats, on which the confirmations are based, being in the offices of the Registers, and not in this office, and the original records appertaining to the office of Surveyor General before the cession of the country having been withheld.

For the residue of the appropriation, there are contracts for surveys, part of which will be completed in all the month of December, and the balance perhaps not before March or April; it is presumed, therefore, that the balance that may remain will be carried to the account of next year's payments.

While on this subject, I have to inform you that the contracts taken under the last appropriation have been almost without exception unprofitable to the deputies, and in many instances they have sustained considerable loss; partly owing to the season, but principally on account of the difficulty of the work they had contracted to perform.

Considering the advanced price of labor and provisions, the difficulties and delays to be encountered, and the increased outfit and extra hands necessary to survey the alluvial lands in this State, I am of opinion that six dollars per mile would be very moderate compensation for the districts of this description of work that have been performed within the last year; and those remaining being still more difficult and remote, and the islands and detached parts of townships that the public interest requires should be surveyed, will, I have no doubt, in many instances, require eight dollars per mile to insure faithful execution.

To illustrate this more fully, permit me to remark, that the prices of labor and provisions in this country have increased at least one hundred per cent. within the last two years, and the demand for engineers and surveyors has even exceeded that ratio; but, on the other hand, the demand for the description of land above referred to has increased to such an extent as to make it almost certain that the additional price would exceed the increased expense a hundred-fold.

As I before remarked, much of our time has been employed, during the current year, in attending to the location of the back tracts which were entered by claimants owning the lands fronting on watercourses; the law making it necessary that the shape of those tracts should be changed, our duties have been extremely difficult and embarrassing. This has made it necessary occasionally to require the assistance of the extra clerks; the residue of their time has been employed in performing the following works:

In the district north of Red river, 18 townships have been protracted and calculated, and the maps and descriptive notes made out in triplicate; and the descriptive notes of two others made in triplicate, and the field notes recorded.

In the southwestern district, 13 townships have been protracted and calculated, 26 township maps and the descriptive notes made out in triplicate, and the field notes of 14 recorded.

In the St. Helena district, 7 townships have been protracted and calculated, and made out in triplicate.

To afford this office the means of locating the private claims correctly, and to decide on the correctness of former locations and the surveys of the adjacent lands which have not yet been approved, the copies of confirmations and orders of survey should be made complete, and copies of all plats, sketches, and other evidences relating to the location of the claims, should be obtained from the offices of the several Registers.

In conclusion, I beg leave to submit to you the following copy of the estimates for the year 1837, which I have sent to the Register of the Treasury, to wit:

For surveying the public lands and private claims in Louisiana,	\$20,000
Completing the surveys of the townships in the parishes of Rapides and Avoyelles, and bordering on the Teche; the islands south of Grand Lake and Lake Palourde; Pecan island and other islands west of the Atchafalaya; the lands bordering on	

Lake Pontchartrain, and the isthmus south of Lake Borgne, say 2,500 miles, at \$8 per mile	\$20,000
To defray the expenses of completing the copies of confirmations and orders of survey, and procuring from the offices of the Registers copies of plats, sketches, and other evidences necessary to a correct location of private claims	2,000
Salary of Surveyor General	2,000
Regular clerks' salary	1,500
Extra clerks' salary, necessary to bring up the arrears of work in the office	2,800
Postages on letters and packages	100
Stationery, &c.	250
Office rent and fuel	220
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	\$48,870

I am, sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

H. T. WILLIAMS,
Surveyor General.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, FLORENCE, ALA.

September 20, 1836.

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., calling on this office for the estimates for the year 1837.

The expenses of this office will require—

For salary of the Surveyor General	\$2,000 00
For salary of clerk and draughtsman, \$1,000 each	2,000 00
Contingent expenses, &c.	200 00

Congress has appropriated the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, heretofore, "for additional clerk hire, in order to bring up the arrears, and transcribing the field notes of said office, for the purpose of having them preserved at the seat of Government." Of this sum, \$1,993 06 will have been expended at the close of the present quarter. The field notes have been all copied for the General Land Office, and sent to Washington. I am now having them copied into strong books, for record and preservation in this office. The fund remaining will be amply sufficient for that purpose. No extra clerk hire, beyond the present means, will be needed during the year 1837, unless it is the intention of the Government to have the Cherokee lands surveyed entire, and brought into market during the next year; but I do not presume such will be the case.

Should those lands be surveyed during the next year, the sum of twenty thousand dollars will be required for that service.

The following portions of townships remain unsurveyed in the Cahaba land district, to wit:

In township No. 6 of range No. 8	(estimate) 21 miles.
" 15 " 8	11 "
" 18 " 8	4 "

In township No. 20 of range No. 8	-	-	-	10 miles.
" 18 " 12	-	-	-	4 "
" 8 " 11	-	-	-	2 "
" 8 " 19	-	-	-	9 "
" 6 " 10	-	-	-	8 "

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The islands in the Alabama and Tombecbee rivers are, perhaps, worth surveying. I have no correct means of ascertaining the number or the quantity of miles to survey them and connect them with the surveys on the main shore, but would presume something like fifty miles, more or less

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119 miles.

The above work could not be done, on contract, for less, than eight dollars per mile, as it lies in very detached situations. I should presume that an appropriation of one thousand dollars, and the Surveyor General being authorized to contract at a price not exceeding eight dollars per mile, would finish all *remnants* of work in the State.

He should also be authorized by law to contract for the surveying and locating of all private claims south of the 31st degree of latitude, at a price not exceeding eight dollars per mile. An appropriation was made at the last session of Congress for finishing all work south of that line, but, unless the Surveyor General be empowered to give an adequate compensation, the work can never be done.

RECAPITULATION.

Salary of Surveyor General	-	-	-	\$2,000 00
Clerk and draughtsman, \$1,000 each	-	-	-	2,000 00
Contingent expenses	-	-	-	200 00
Survey of the Cherokee lands	-	-	-	20,000 00
Survey of all unfinished townships, islands, &c.	-	-	-	1,000 00
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				\$25,200 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

With great respect, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES H. WEAKLEY.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

JACKSON, TENNESSEE, October 6, 1836.

SIR: Your letter of the 1st ult. has been transmitted to me, and I hasten to comply with your request, so far as circumstances will permit.

The prosecution of the public surveys during the ensuing year must depend entirely on the removal of the Seminole Indians, and you will readily acknowledge, from past experience, that this desirable event is mixed with

much uncertainty. I shall assume, however, their certain removal as the grounds of this estimate.

Estimate.—Surveyor's Office of Florida for the year 1837.

Surveying public lands at the price established by law	\$10,000
Surveying public lands on the Suwanee and Appalachicola rivers, and adjacent islands, with some scrap surveying believed to be valuable, and all of difficult execution, \$5 per mile.	
Supposed amount	6,000
Surveying private land claims awarded by the Supreme Court of the United States, heretofore suspended by Indian hostilities, together with other confirmed claims, arising in the progress of public surveys, on the second parallel. Supposed amount	4,000
Salary of Surveyor General, \$2,000; three clerks, \$3,000	5,000
Extra clerk hire for copying field notes for General Land Office, (without the former appropriations unexpended)	2,000
Total amount of estimate,	\$27,000

On the subject of former appropriations for copying field notes, I have to remark (as previously advised) that the situation of the country precluded the employment of clerks for that service; they could not be found to undertake that duty at what I considered a reasonable compensation; therefore, none other than a small amount of former appropriations has been disbursed on that account, and which you will find in my salary account for the first quarter of 1836, (or the one preceding, as I write from memory.) Shortly before I left Tallahassee, I had occasion to call your attention to this subject, requesting information of the amount paid for transcribing field notes by the Surveyors General of Mississippi and Louisiana, and that my corresponding clerk would, in conformity with that information, endeavor to procure clerks in my absence, under forms of contracts left with him. If this information has not been furnished, I will thank you to advise me thereof, addressed to Tallahassee, whither I contemplate setting out in a few days, with my health (as I believe) re-established.

I regret to say, that recent advice informs me that my clerks have been very sick, since my departure in July, and much sickness prevalent in that country.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT BUTLER.

E. A. BROWN, Esq.,

Commissioner of General Land Office.

F. No. 2.

Compilation from the accompanying estimates of the Surveyors General for surveying the public lands for the year 1837.

By the Surveyor General at Cincinnati:

For surveying in Michigan peninsula, in addition to the appropriation for 1836	\$51,000 00
For surveying in northern peninsula	20,000 00

For surveying in Wisconsin Territory, in addition to the unexpended balance of appropriation for 1836	\$32,250 00	
For surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, lakes, &c., at an average expense of \$5 per mile	3,040 00	
	<hr/>	\$106,290 00
By the Surveyor General for Arkansas :		
For surveying the public lands		25,000 00
By the Surveyor General for Florida :		
For surveying the public lands in the event of the removal of the Seminole Indians	10,000 00	
For surveying islands and small detached portions of the public lands, at a price not exceeding \$5 per mile	6,000 00	
For surveying private land claims, as confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	20,000 00
By the Surveyor General for Alabama :		
For surveying the Cherokee lands in Alabama, if intended to be surveyed in 1837	20,000 00	
For surveying unfinished portions of townships, islands, &c., at a price not exceeding \$3 per mile	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	21,000 00
By the Surveyor General for Louisiana :		
For surveying the public lands and private claims	20,000 00	
For surveying unfinished portions of the islands, &c. at a price not exceeding \$8 per mile	20,000 00	
For expenses attending the survey of the private claims in procuring copies of plats, diagrams, &c. from the Registers	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	42,000 00

G.

STATEMENT showing the amount of forfeited land stock issued and surrendered at the United States land offices to the 30th September, 1836; also, the amount of military land scrip surrendered to the same period.

Land offices.				Forfeited land stock.		Military land scrip.
				Total amount issued at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.
Marietta,	Ohio	-	-	\$5,370 93	\$5,501 35	\$874 25
Zanesville,	do.	-	-	23,891 72	43,741 73	262,520 44
Steubenville,	do.	-	-	48,474 07	29,872 57	1,824 93
Chillicothe,	do.	-	-	51,792 96	27,763 69	85,818 52
Cincinnati,	do.	-	-	141,984 71	132,420 38	11,654 93
Wooster,	do.	-	-	13,123	15,303 44	1,700
Lima,	do.	-	-	-	11,185 40	83,837 07
Bucyrus,	do.	-	-	-	22,805 61	91,298 21
Total for the State	-	-	-	284,637 39	288,594 17	539,528 35
Jeffersonville, Indiana	-	-	-	\$28,789 09	\$35,094 58	\$57,352 73
Vincennes,	do.	-	-	40,756 49	27,605 56	3,825
Indianapolis,	do.	-	-	-	3,552 67	393,935 89
Crawfordsville,	do.	-	-	-	4,604 60	105,825 97
Fort Wayne,	do.	-	-	-	226 21	18,940 21
Laporte,	do.	-	-	-	200	12,096 03
Total for the State	-	-	-	69,545 58	71,283 62	591,975 83
Shawneetown, Illinois	-	-	-	\$25,308 88	\$19,140 07	\$1,585 83
Kaskaskia,	do.	-	-	11,734 81	5,795 10	1,038 75
Edwardsville,	do.	-	-	10,274 64	11,758 35	44,812 80
Vandalia,	do.	-	-	-	2,602 99	23,661 98
Palestine,	do.	-	-	-	642 05	2,800
Springfield,	do.	-	-	-	3,349 01	65,834 47
Danville,	do.	-	-	-	-	80,213 36
Quincy,	do.	-	-	-	-	2,838 44
Galena,	do.	-	-	-	-	900
Chicago,	do.	-	-	-	95 26	400
Total for the State	-	-	-	47,318 33	43,382 83	224,085 63
St Louis, Missouri	-	-	-	\$6,297 41	\$7,550 80	\$390 62
Fayette,	do.	-	-	12,305 70	11,438 66	125
Palmyra,	do.	-	-	-	2,628 24	7,066 08
Jackson,	do.	-	-	-	-	510 94
Lexington,	do.	-	-	-	147 27	600
Total for the State	-	-	-	18,603 11	21,764 97	8,692 64

STATEMENT G—Continued.

Land offices.				Forfeited land stock.		Military land scrip.
				Total amount issued at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.
St. Stephen's,	Alabama	-	-	\$51,957 48	\$35,919 47	
Cahaba,	do.	-	-	38,374 36	50,411 34	
Huntsville,	do.	-	-	63,004 47	51,589 22	\$100
Tuscaloosa,	do.	-	-	-	10,701 29	
Sparta,	do.	-	-	-	1,654 63	
Demopolis,	do.	-	-	-	2,959 67	
Mardisville,	do.	-	-	-	424 60	
Total for the State	-	-	-	153,336 31	153,660 22	100
Washington,	Mississippi	-	-	\$61,232 41	\$34,545 13	
Angusta,	do.	-	-	-	-	\$3,700
Mount Salus and Jackson,	Mississippi	-	-	473 36	24,524	1,903 33
Columbus,	Mississippi	-	-	78 92	227 13	14,700
Chocchuma,	do.	-	-	-	-	
Total for the State	-	-	-	61,784 69	59,296 26	20,303 33
Opelousas,	Louisiana	-	-	\$3,291 28	\$3,275 82	
Ouachita,	do.	-	-	-	174	
Total for the State	-	-	-	3,291 28	3,449 82	
Detroit,	Michigan	-	-	\$1,101 59	\$10,713 72	\$53,220 59
Kalamazoo,	do.	-	-	-	16	7,900
Monroe,	do.	-	-	-	-	17,382 32
Ionia,	do.	-	-	-	-	
Genesee,	do.	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	1,101 59	10,729 72	78,503 91
Helena,	Arkansas	-	-	-	-	\$300
Total for the State	-	-	-	-	-	300
Green Bay,	Wisconsin	-	-	-	-	\$1,637 50
Mineral Point,	do.	-	-	-	-	17,127 53
Milwalky,	do.	-	-	-	-	300
Total for the Territory	-	-	-	-	-	19,065 03

STATEMENT G—Continued.

Land offices.	Forfeited land stock.		Military land scrip.
	Total amount issued at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	Total amount surrendered at the land offices to the 30th of Sept., 1836.	
Tallahassee, Florida - - -	-	\$11,200	
Total for the Territory - - -	-	11,200	
Grand total of stock issued at the land offices	\$639,618 28		
Add amount of stock issued at the Treasury under the 4th section of the act of 23d May, 1828, for moneys forfeited [on lands sold at New York in 1787] by Edgar and Macomb - - -	29,782 75		
Aggregate - - -	669,401 03	663,361 61	1,482,554 72

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JNO. M. MOORE, *Acting Commissioner.*

H.

EXHIBIT of the periods to which the monthly accounts of the Registers and Receivers of the Public Land Offices have been rendered; showing the balance of cash in the Receivers' hands at the date of their last monthly accounts current; and the periods to which the Receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.

LAND OFFICES.	State or Territory.	Monthly returns.		Admitted balance of cash in hands of Receivers, per last monthly account current.	Period to which the Receivers' quarterly acc'ts have been rendered.
		Period to which rendered by Register.	Period to which rendered by Receiver.		
Marietta - - - - -	Ohio - - - - -	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	\$1,337 48	September 30, 1836.
Zanesville - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	14,958 41	Do.
Steubenville - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	240 56	Do.
Chillicothe - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	16,683 78	Do.
Cincinnati - - - - -	" - - - - -	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	36,227 16	Do.
Wooster - - - - -	" - - - - -	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	2,285 09	Do.
Lima - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	- - - - -	Do.
Bucyrus - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	367 55	Do.
Jeffersonville - - - - -	Indiana - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	- - - - -	Do.
Vincennes - - - - -	" - - - - -	September 30, 1836	Do. - - - - -	36,659 57	Do.
Indianapolis - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	7,287 75	Do.
Crawfordsville - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	September 30, 1836	8,957 07	Do.
Fort Wayne - - - - -	" - - - - -	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	235,487 07	Do.
La Porte - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	33,065 84	Do.
Shawneetown - - - - -	Illinois - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	987 64	Do.
Kaskaskia - - - - -	" - - - - -	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	8,728 03	Do.
Edwardsville - - - - -	" - - - - -	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	6,430 62	Do.
Vandalia - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	16,215 08	Do.
Palestine - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	8,790 65	Do.
Springfield - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	7,193 84	Do.
Danville - - - - -	" - - - - -	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	53,877 10	Do.
Quincy - - - - -	" - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	4,036 49	Do.
Galena - - - - -	" - - - - -	April 30, 1836	July 31, 1836	110,926 34	March 31, 1836.
Chicago - - - - -	" - - - - -	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	22,221 65	September 30, 1836.
St. Louis - - - - -	Missouri - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	Do. - - - - -	- - - - -	Do.

LAND OFFICES.	State or Territory.	Monthly returns.		Admitted balance of cash in hands of Receivers, per last monthly account current.	Period to which the Receivers' quarterly acc'ts have been rendered.
		Period to which rendered by Register.	Period to which rendered by Receiver.		
Fayette	Missouri	September 30, 1836	October 31, 1836	\$51,896 35	September 30, 1836.
Palmyra	"	Do. -	August 31, 1836	23,958 20	March 31, 1836.
Jackson	"	Do. -	September 30, 1836	9,611 30	Septem. 30, 1836.
Lexington	"	Do. -	Do. -	61,693 24	Do.
Springfield	"	August 31, 1836	August 31, 1836	5,042 02	Do.
St. Stephen's	Alabama	February 29,* 1836	October 31, 1835	30,483 89	Septem. 30, 1835.
Cahaba	"	August 31, 1836	August 31, 1836	62,910 73	June 30, 1836.
Huntsville	"	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	22,647 39	Septem. 30, 1836.
Tuscaloosa	"	Do. -	Do. -	-	Do.
Sparta	"	Do. -	Do. -	62,314 41	Do.
Demopo'is	"	Do. -	Do. -	29,290 73	Do.
Montgomery	"	August 31, 1836	Do. -	-	Do.
Mardisville	"	October 31, 1836	Do. -	13,645 06	Do.
Washington	Mississippi	Do. -	Do. -	7 77	Do.
Augusta	"	Do. -	Do. -	9,926 72	Do.
Jackson	"	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	-	Do.
Chocchuma	"	Do. -	Do. -	21,187 95	June 30, 1836.
Columbus	"	August 31, 1836	August 31, 1836	116,545 71	August 31, 1836.
New Orleans	Louisiana	May 31, 1836	June 30, 1836	277,231 66	June 30, 1836.
Opelousas	"	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	1,462 69	Septem. 30, 1836.
Ouachita	"	Do. -	September 30, 1836	9,072 01	Do.
St. Helena	"	September 30, 1836	Do. -	6,542 26	Do.
Detroit	Michigan	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	215 00	Do.
Kalamazoo	"	July 31, 1836	July 31, 1836	2,055 26	Do.
Monroe	"	June 30, 1836	Do. -	13,460 96	Do.
Genesee	"	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	2,185 72	Do.
Ionia	"	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	878 45	Do.
Mineral Point	Wisconsin	Do. -	September 30, 1836	37,496 18	Do.
Green Bay	"	Do. -	October 31, 1836	62,352 44	Do.
Milwalky	"	September 30, 1836	September 30, 1836	40,671 06	Do.
Batesville	Arkansas	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	42,270 80	Do.

Little Rock	-	-	-	-	"	-	Do.	-	7,448 84	Do.
Washington	-	-	-	-	"	-	February 29, 1836	September 30, 1836	30,308 49	Do.
Fayetteville	-	-	-	-	"	-	August 31, 1836	August 31, 1836	50,094 99	Do.
Helena	-	-	-	-	"	-	July 31, 1836	September 30, 1835	11,607 72	Do.
Tallahassee	-	-	-	-	Florida	-	October 31, 1836	October 31, 1836	14,951 70	Do.
St. Augustine	-	-	-	-	"	-	No sales.			

* Received at the Treasury for March.

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